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Popular or Not, Duty's Still Duty

Sen. McCarthy, D-Minn., chose to appear as a witness before a committee of fellow senators on Monday. He questioned whether John A. McCone, President Kennedy's choice, was the right man to direct the Central Intelligence Agency. He went further and suggested that Congress, by not exercising closer control of the CIA, subjects the country to a possible risk of entanglement in a war through CIA activity.

Maybe the administration and the Democratic party are so powerful just now that they can tolerate such criticism, even from a Democratic senator. Possibly they don't like it and will write down a score against McCarthy.

From the public's point of view the junior senator from Minnesota performed an important service. Now and then, in looking back over some sad page of our history, we can all see how a few well-directed and not impossible questions might have accomplished much good.

Perhaps the McCarthy questions didn't have any effect on the decision. It appears that they did not. Maybe the chief effect was an injurious one for Sen. McCarthy. It is still important that the right of public doubt and questioning was exercised by a senator of the President's own party.